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FOR HOUGHTON FROM ATWOOD/PANAMA FOR DOUGLAS J. BENNET

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SUBJECT: HEARING BEFORE HIRC, JUNE 19

1. WHEN CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI NOTIFIED HIRC MEMBERS OF AGREED
PLAN TO OPEN SECRETARY'S MONDAY TESTIMONY ONLY FOR 3-5
MINUTE STATEMENT, THEN TO CLOSE SESSION, SOME MEMBERS
EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION. ZABLOCKI WHO PREVIOUSLY URGED
LONGER OPENING STATEMENT BUT WILLING TO DEFER TO OUR JUDG-
MENT, NOW FEELS HE MAY LOSE VOTE NEEDED TO GO INTO CLOSED
SESSION.

2. WE HAVE ARGUED THAT THIS SESSION WAS INTENDED FOR
CANDID DISCUSSION OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES THAT COULD TAKE
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PLACE ONLY IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. ZABLOCKI SYMPATHETIC BUT
FEELS HE WOULD HAVE BETTER CHANCE TO WIN VOTE FOR CLOSED
SESSION IF SECRETARY WILLING TO TAKE SERIES OF QUESTIONS
IN OPEN SESSION FIRST. BELIEVE ZABLOCKI WOULD SUPPORT
SECRETARY IF HE INSISTS ON CLOSED SESSION AFTER BRIEF
STATEMENT, BUT FEEL THAT SUCH EFFORT MAY BE PUTTING CHAIR-
MAN ON THE SPOT IN THE EYES OF HIS COMMITTEE.

3. POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OPTION IS TO EXPAND OPENING
STATEMENT TO FULL 20 MINUTE, COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION
THEN MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. IF THIS IS NOT
ADEQUATE WE MIGHT AGREE TO TAKE TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS
FROM ZABLOCKI AND BROOMFIELD WHO WOULD NOT BE LIKELY TO
RAISE NON-SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. REQUEST YOUR GUIDANCE.
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